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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable terminal system comprising:

a server storing text contents which are supposed to be displayed at a display section of a portable terminal, and help contents which show a method of utilizing said text contents; and

a portable terminal including a text browser provided for use in perusing the text contents stored in said server, and a help browser provided for use in perusing the help contents also stored in said server.

- 2. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 1 wherein; said portable terminal includes a text browser provided for use in perusing text contents which are supposed to be displayed at a display section of the portable terminal, and a help browser provided for use in perusing help contents which show a method of utilizing said text contents.
- 3. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 2 wherein; said portable terminal further includes a judging means for judging whether a message inputted from outside belongs to a text message or a help message, and activates either said text browser or said help browser in accordance with a result of judgement by the judging means.
- 4. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 3 wherein; said help browser outputs said help contents as text, voice, static images, moving images, or any combination of such representation formats.
  - 5. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 2 wherein; said portable terminal further includes a plurality of switch keys

for use in operations for using said text contents, and a switch-key controlling means for setting each of said plurality of switch keys to either an effective state or an ineffective state depending on the contents of said help contents.

- 6. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 3 wherein; said portable terminal further includes a plurality of switch keys for use in operations for using said text contents, and a switch-key controlling means for setting each of said plurality of switch keys to either an effective state or an ineffective state depending on the contents of said help contents.
- 7. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 4 wherein; said portable terminal further includes a plurality of switch keys for use in operations for using said text contents, and a switch-key controlling means for setting each of said plurality of switch keys to either an effective state or an ineffective state depending on the contents of said help contents.
- 8. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 7 wherein; in case when said switch keys are set to the effective state, said switch-key controlling means lights up light emitting sections corresponding to the switch keys being set to the effective state.
- 9. A portable terminal system as claimed in claim 7 wherein; in case when said switch keys are set to the effective state, said switch-key controlling means vibrates operation buttons for those switch keys which are being set to the effective state.

10. A portable terminal comprising:

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a text browser provided for use in perusing text contents which are supposed to be displayed at a display section of the portable terminal; and

- a help browser provided for use in perusing help contents which show a method of utilizing said text contents
  - A portable terminal as claimed in claim 10 further 11. comprising:

a judging means for judging whether a message inputted from outside belongs to a text message or a help message, enabling the portable terminal to activate either said text browser or said help browser in accordance with a result of judgment by said judging means.

- **12**. A portable terminal as claimed in claim 11 wherein; said help browser outputs said help contents as text, voice, static images, moving images, or any combination of such representation formats.
- A portable terminal as claimed in claim 10 further 13. comprising:

a plurality of switch keys for use in operations for using said text contents; and

- a switch-key controlling means for setting each of said plurality of switch keys to either an effective state or an ineffective state depending on the contents of said help contents.
- 14. A portable terminal as claimed in claim 11 further comprising:

a plurality of switch keys for use in operations for using said text contents; and

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a switch-key controlling means for setting each of said plurality of switch keys to either an effective state or an ineffective state depending on the contents of said help contents.

15. A portable terminal as claimed in claim 12 further comprising:

a plurality of switch keys for use in operations for using said text contents; and

a switch-key controlling means for setting each of said plurality of switch keys to either an effective state or an ineffective state depending on the contents of said help contents.

16. A portable terminal as claimed in claim 15 wherein; in case when said switch keys are set to the effective state, said switch-key controlling means lights up light emitting sections corresponding to the switch keys being set to the effective state.

17. A portable terminal as claimed in claim 15 wherein; in case when said switch keys are set to the effective state, said switch-key controlling means vibrates operation buttons for those switch keys which are being set to the effective state.

18. A method of controlling a portable terminal comprising the steps of:

judging whether a message inputted from outside belongs to a text message or a help message; and

activating either a text browser provided for use in perusing text contents which are supposed to be displayed at a display section of the portable terminal, or a help browser provided for use in perusing help contents which show a method of utilizing said text contents, in

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accordance with a result of judgment by said step of judging.

19. A method of controlling a portable terminal as claimed in claim 18 wherein;

in said step of activating a text browser or a help browser, said help contents are outputted as text, voice, static images, moving images, or any combination of such representation formats.

20. A storage medium storing a program for controlling a portable terminal, said program comprising the steps of:

judging whether a message inputted from outside belongs to a text message or a help message; and

activating either a text browser provided for use in perusing text contents which are supposed to be displayed at a display section of the portable terminal, or a help browser provided for use in perusing help contents which show a method of utilizing said text contents, in accordance with a result of judgment by said step of judging.

21. A storage medium storing a program for controlling a portable terminal as claimed in claim 20 wherein;

in said step of activating a text browser or a help browser, said help contents are outputted as text, voice, static images, moving images, or any combination of such representation formats.

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